

About People and Things By C. B. McDowell

OLD BRIDGES STAND

Bob Folsom and the writer left Elba Tuesday morning on a tour of inspection to ascertain first hand what damage had been wrought to roads and bridges on the Coffee County fishing pond during the past week.

We found that approaches to two bridges between Elba and the pond were badly washed and the bridge across Beaver Dam Creek was closed to traffic. The approaches to the bridge across Beaver Dam Creek on the cut-off paved highway leading north from the fish pond to the Brantley highway were completely washed out on both sides of the bridge and will have to be rebuilt before traffic can be resumed.

We took a circuitous route through the woods and swamps in that section and were surprised to find that all of the wooden bridges across branches and streams had withstood the ravage of the storm and were practically undamaged. The waters had been several feet above the bridges, but they evidently had withstood the years and came through Saturday's storm intact.

Mr. Hollaway, caretaker at the fish pond, informed us that the water in the pond rose to within about a foot of the top of the dam at the lower end but did not wash out. The water in the pond is muddier than at any time since the popular lake was built. Some of our local fishermen say the additional water and mud-died condition should make fishing better when it clears up.

While we were riding along the highway, Mr. Folsom's pickup truck ran over a six foot king snake, crippling it in the middle. Mr. Folsom captured the reptile and brought it back to town. He said his brother-in-law Mr. Hammond, of Dothan, has been wanting a king snake for some time for a pet, so he intends to make him a present of the large but harmless serpent.

BLOWS WATER OUT

While the storm was at its height Saturday afternoon, Rev. Murray L. Essey, Representative Bill Stokes and other were relating storm experiences in the Whitman Drug Store. Mr. Stokes, said the Baptist pastor won the honors when he told of a storm that blew the water out of a well.

We are not qualified to judge the merits of the pastor's statement, but what is more important, in our estimation, is the fact that Saturday's torrential rain put a lot of much-needed water in numerous wells in the area.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET

The Coffee County Teachers' meeting will be held at the New Brockton High School building Thursday afternoon, Oct. 6. Mr. Robertson will have prepared a regular school lunch (price 20 cents) which will be ready any time after 12:30. He asks that teachers go immediately to the luncheon and be served.

Time of the meeting is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The general meeting will be held first in the small auditorium, after which the groups will have their meetings. Miss Lue Palmer, State Supervisor of Instruction, will speak and will also be with the Child Study group and the visitors.

Principals will please notify Mr. Robertson if any teachers will not eat in the luncheon. He is preparing for everyone.

CEMETERY WORKING

There will be a cemetery working at Shiloh Church on Saturday, Oct. 3. This is one of the oldest burial places in this section and many residents of this area have loved ones buried there. All persons who are interested in the upkeep of this old burial ground are requested to help in this much-needed work.

My Neighbors

By Bill Paulson



"Poor Ike—after 20 years of mismanagement, I suppose he'll want him to fix everything by yesterday—at the very latest!"

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Edge of Hurricane Sweeps County; Rains Wash Out Roads

Hurricane winds and torrential rains of more than 14 inches in a two day period of Friday and Saturday visited Elba and Southeast Alabama.

Designated as "Florence", it was the sixth hurricane of the season, but the only one that affected this section. Forming in the Gulf of Mexico, it struck the coast near Port Walton Saturday morning and pursued a course toward Dothan where it was centered about noon.

Southeast Alabama cities experienced 40-45 miles per hour gales, causing much damage to power lines, uprooting trees, damaging roofs and stacked peanuts and blowing cotton from the trees.

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over and the vines were well soaked. However, many stacks stood the blow and were not too badly damaged.

It is the general opinion that most of the stacks can be righted and the bright, sunny days that followed the storm will dry out the vines and the damage will be greatly reduced. The hay probably will be discolored but should be of fairly good quality when dried out. The quality of the peanuts will not be lowered to any great extent.

The cotton that was blown out, according to reports, was much less than expected and a considerable portion of it can be salvaged with the improved machinery recently installed by

local gin.

Elba sustained lighter damage than most of the surrounding areas, probably due to its location in a valley. It is estimated that gusts of wind reached a velocity of about 30 miles per hour here Saturday about midday.

Many trees were uprooted in this area, some of which fell across power lines. Joe Brooks stated that the damage in Elba was remarkably light and power service in Elba was interrupted only a few times and at short intervals.

The damage to power lines in the rural districts was much heavier and many users of REA current were without current.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday night.

More than 14 inches of rain, which were several weeks earlier than the larger improved varieties, had commended to fall previous to the storm and many are mature and can be saved, according to report.

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Reports from various sections of the county indicate that much damage was done to roads and bridges.

A large plate glass window was blown out at the Owen building at the southeast corner of the square, occupied by the Flower Shop. Many lovely roofs in the business and residential sections of town caused much damage and annoyance.

On account of the storm, the "Appreciation Day" program was postponed until next Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. There were not enough people on the streets to make the program worthwhile.

A television aerial was blown down at Harry Boswell's home.

Bus System Changes Loom

Authority over the county school bus transportation system was given to R. L. Farris, superintendent of education, and Gerald Crook, maintenance supervisor, when the county school board met at the court house Friday morning. Recently a meeting from the state department of education surveyed the bus route and pointed out duplication of services to some areas. To save money, the county board hopes to get this straightened out.

Frank Rainer, Jr., member of the board, was authorized to help straighten out the bus route situation in Basin community.

J. C. Bowman was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hornsby at Basin and Macon Johnson was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Rander Johnson as trustee of Newbas.

Mr. Farris was told to advertise for bids on the sale of property at Volverson and Shiloh, colored schools that have been closed.

The board also told Mr. Farris to write Mr. Richardson of Dale County to stop his bus from coming within one mile of New Home and pointed out duplication of services to some areas. To save money, the county board hopes to get this straightened out.

Tom Bowden's Gulf Station in fire repair shop for Enterprise school buses.

Authority for Mr. Farris to borrow money to meet the payroll was given.

Present were W. J. Brown, E. C. Brooks, H. H. Hall, Dallas Wise and F. H. Rainer, Jr.

Storm Fails to Stop Cupid

Dan Cupid demonstrated Friday and Saturday that it takes more than a "Florence" hurricane to halt his operations. The following marriage licenses were issued at the Elba probate office Friday and Saturday, in spite of torrential rains and howling winds:

David R. Ewer, 23, Middlesex, Mass., and Miss La Verne Perkins, 18, Elba.

Lamar Griffin, 23, New Brockton route 1, and Miss Lorene Stuckland, 17, Elba route 4.

Ralph Ceyborn Sharpless, 21, Elba, and Miss Patricia Pinckard, 18, Elba.

Tommy Ramsey, 21, New Brockton route 2, and Miss Sara

Olson Department Store Opens

Friday morning, Oct. 2nd, will mark a milestone in Elba's history when the new Olson Store opens its doors to the town's newest, largest and most modern department store.

In selecting Elba as the location for this new unit, the Olson Co. feels that Coffee County is one of the most progressive areas of the south today, and have pledged themselves to full participation in all activities beneficial to the continued progress of the community.

Featured in the gala opening will be 100 pairs of nylon hose free for the ladies, free candy and novelties for the kiddies, and continuous music in addition.

Olson's extends a cordial invitation to everyone to come join the crowds in the fun and excitement of this thrilling event and to share in the extra special savings.

Mr. H. L. and Mr. M. E. Olson have emphasized: "In times like these, it is imperative that we do our utmost to cut the cost of living for the average family!"

That has been the aim of the Olson stores since their inception and we will continue to follow the extra value policy in our new Elba unit.

Special type fluorescent lighting and all blind wood fixtures create a relaxing atmosphere which makes shopping quicker, easier and far more comfortable.

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Minstrel Scheduled Tonight

By ELVIRA STANFORD

You citizens of Elba are going to have the surplus of your life when you come out to see that super old time minstrel, "On Stage America" which the Police Department is presenting at the high school auditorium, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

If you thought you knew the talents and abilities of all your young people, you'll find you have been understanding them. They are doing a sensational job in the show and will keep you in laughter from 8:15 P.M. until final curtain time.

The minstrel circle is being led by Donnie Morrow as Amos and Erskine Ziglar as Andy Poling, right behind led by Calvert Mills and Mene Blue and Richard as Mene Queen.

Pickup trucks qualifying for a \$3 tag are limited to families who have such a vehicle as the only mode of transportation. In other words, if a farm family owns a pickup and car, the regular license fee is due on the pickup. If a family owns only a pickup, they may get a \$3 tag. Persons getting a \$3 tag are required to sign an affidavit that they own no other car.

Other business handled by Commissioners Flounoy Whitman, Fountain Lee, Grady Ziglar and Buster Bowden included orders for:

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County Farm Meetings Set

In line with the request of Secretary of Agriculture Benson a series of meetings are being scheduled for farm policy discussions in Coffee County. Farmers have been requested to let the present administration know what they want in a National Farm Program and are requested to submit their conclusions in form of resolutions. Mr. Benson is making this request through the National Farm Organization.

See the schedule below and be sure to attend the meeting scheduled for you or the one most convenient. The meeting will begin at 7:15 P.M.

September 29 - Goodman-Goodman School, Asbury, New Home.

September 30 - Damascus and Mt. Gilead-Damascus School.

October 1 - Basin and Brookly-Basin School.

October 5 - Victoria and Gum Springs-Victoria School.

October 6 - Kingston and Rhodes-Kinston School.

October 7 - Bluff Springs-Bluff Springs School.

October 8 - Newbas-Newbas School.

October 12 - Enterprise-Enterprise School.

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Tigers Swim to Victory Over Luverne; Face Opp Friday

One of the wettest football games ever seen in Elba was played at the school stadium Friday night. Steady rains which had been falling for some 24 hours had flooded the field to a depth of several inches. The heavy carpet of grass prevented it from being muddy.

On account of the water on the field and the rain which was still falling at game time, all preliminary workouts and exercises were held in the school gymnasium. It was an amusing sight when the Tigers arrived at the field. They took running dives into the ankle-deep water and made splashes, thus indisputably eliminated reluctance to get their snow-white uniforms dirty. They were already as wet and

soiled as they could get.

The Tigers outclassed the heavy Luverne eleven in all departments of the game and the score of 28 to 0 was quite a true story of the difference in the two teams.

GAME SHORTENED

By mutual agreement, it was decided to cut the playing time to ten-minute quarters and the band maneuvers between the halves were dispensed with.

Luverne kicked off to Elba. It was a poor kick and a Tiger fell on the ball on his own 45 yard line. Harry Jacobs gained five yards. Wayne Marler picked up a first down placing the ball on Luverne's 43. Mack Wise broke off tackle to the 33, followed by Marler's plunge to the 29. In

Commissioners

Miss Faye Clark was employed by the County Commissioners Monday to help J. W. Kendrick. Her salary was set at \$85 per month.

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CORRECTION

In the writup last week of the death of Ellis King, names of the survivors were listed incorrectly.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lora D. King; three daughters, Mrs. Warren Merrell, Andalusia, Mrs. John D. Pace, Auburn, and Mrs. Charles Kelley, Elba, one son, Roy King, Elba; three brothers, E. A. King, Pensacola, Fla., H. D. King and Gus King of Elba; two sisters, Mrs. E. C. Adamson, Lanett, and Mrs. Dixon Dean, Elba.

The Ellis Kings are members of the White Water Baptist church.

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- WARM, DEEP QUILTED SATIN LINING!
- RUST-PROOF TOP TO BOTTOM ZIPPER!
- KNITTED CUFFS & WAIST! SLASH POCKETS!
- CHOICE OF NEW FALL COLOR TONES!



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- NEW SEASON TONES IN RAYON GABARDINE COATS!
- SUITS IN RAYON FLANNEL, SHARKING & GABARDINES!
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- CHOOSE FROM GLAMOROUS NEW FALL SHADES!

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- MADE ON QUALITY LASTS! MEN'S SIZES!

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- COMBED COTTON UNDERSHIRTS IN POPULAR RIB KNIT... LONG BODY, FULL CUT!
- T-SHIRTS OF WARM, WELL KNIT COMBED COTTON... CUT FOR COMFORT, MADE FOR LONG WEAR!

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- FULL 27" X 27" SIZE!

**1.77** doz

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- FLUFFY, NEW AMERICAN COTTON!
- ONE BATT MAKES A FULL SIZE QUILT!

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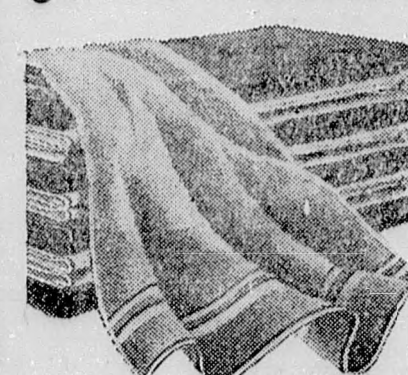
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- EXTRA SIZE IN GLAMOROUS DECORATORS' COLORS!
- DEEP FRINGE ON THREE SIDES!

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- ATTRACTIVE COLORS WITH MULTI-OVERLAYS!
- LONG WEARING WEAVE NON-SKID BACK!
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- SLEEK NEW RAYON CREPES!
- CRISP NEW FALL COTTONS!
- WELL CUT, WELL TAILORED!
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